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## ORCAS A RARE SIGHT

**Onlookers watch from the Stanley Park seawall Thursday as a pod of orcas swims by. The transient killer whales were spotted as far east as Deep Cove and are believed to be hunting seals and other marine mammals. Story, page 4.** COURTESY VANCOUVER AQUARIUM

# Minimum wage gets a 20-cent boost

**Labour.** Hourly pay in B.C. increases to $10.45 with future growth tied to inflation

B.C. is increasing the minimum wage by 20 cents to $10.45, three years after its last boost, the province announced Thursday.

Jobs Minister Shirley Bond said the increase, which takes effect this September, is indexed to B.C.'s Consumer Price Index and future increases will also be tied to inflation.

The province has a separate minimum wage for workers who serve alcohol. That rate will increase to $9.20, up from $9.

Bond said the modest hike is just one among a suite of announcements from the Liberal government aimed at raising the standard of living for low-income earners.

"When you take all these pieces in totality, we believe this is a reasonable approach," she told reporters in Victoria.

"For me, the most important policy decision is the indexing. Because it does mean that there is now certainty and predictability."

The government expects the economy to grow over the next several years, meaning the CPI would also increase and the minimum wage would continue to go up, she said.

But Bond added the decision also recognizes that small business owners can't handle a more drastic jump.

The B.C. Federation of Labour had been lobbying for a $15 minimum wage, which argued is needed to pull full-time workers above the poverty line. Bond rejected such an increase.

"While there is a lot of academic debate on both sides of this argument, the fact of the matter is that when we talk to small business owners that are the heart of British Columbia, a $15 minimum wage would have significant impacts for them, and ultimately on the workforce in this province," said Bond.

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## Education.
## Adviser to review budget of school board

British Columbia's education minister has appointed a special adviser to review the finances of Vancouver's school board after learning about an anticipated $15-million deficit.

Education Minister Peter Fassbender said the Vancouver Board of Education informed the government about its projected deficit last month and that an independent audit of its finances is needed.

Fassbender said the adviser will work with the new chairman of the board, the superintendent and trustees to come up with ways to find savings in the budget.

"I believe it's achievable, but it's not something that is without challenges," he said, adding the adviser may make some recommendations.

"The interim report will come to the minister and the Vancouver School Board. We will review that with the independent auditor and then the decisions that follow that will unfold."

The government's decision to work with the board will potentially avoid "the blame game" by parents concerned about cuts to education programs, Fassbender said.

The government says that over the past two decades, the Vancouver board has forecast large deficits but has consistently ended the school year with a surplus.

"As of June 30, 2014, they held an accumulated surplus of $28.4 million, which is equivalent to six per cent of total district expenditures," the Education Ministry said in a statement.

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# Mayor confident that 'Yes' will win

**Transit plebiscite.**
Gregor Robertson admits most people aren't aware of the benefits of investing in underserved areas

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Mayor Gregor Robertson talks about the upcoming transit plebiscite in his office on Thursday.
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With the ballots for Metro Vancouver's transit plebiscite arriving at homes on Monday, Mayor Gregor Robertson is optimistic the "Yes" side will ultimately win.

He said he didn't have much faith in a recent opinion poll that showed 55 per cent would vote "No" and only 33 per cent would choose "Yes."

"I'm still optimistic people that people will make the right choice and vote 'Yes' when they see the information on the ballot and keep the region's best interests in mind," the mayor said.

But he acknowledged: "Most people still don't know the benefit side.... The vast majority of the investment is throughout the region in areas that are not currently well-served by transit — road improvements regionwide, the (new) Pattullo Bridge, light rail in Surrey — that's the majority of the big-project dollars."

The proposed plan is also to boost capacity on the busiest routes of Vancouver and look at bringing back night buses or extending the hours of the SkyTrain later at night, earlier in the morning or possibly all night on weekends.

"Some cities are able to function with 24-hour subway service," he said. "It would be good for shift workers, everyone working in the bar and restaurant industry, and then all the people partying downtown, stuck on the streets at three in the morning with no transit."

The plebiscite will ask registered voters whether they support a proposed 0.5 per cent Metro Vancouver Congestion Improvement Tax to help pay for a proposed 10-year, $7.5-billion regional transit plan.

Robertson admits that some people don't want to support a new tax.

"It's not like anyone's eager to pay more taxes," the mayor conceded. "Everyone is trying to make ends meet."

But the proposed .05 per cent tax will ultimately save money on transportation.

"If you can use a car less, you're going to save a lot of money — that's the goal here, to reduce the time stuck in traffic and reduce the time waiting for a bus," Robertson said.

He estimated if the region can improve transit service, people may be encouraged to give up their cars for daily commuting.

And what if the "No" side wins the plebiscite?

Transit will get more overcrowded, congestion will get worse and the lost productivity will cost billions, Robertson said.

"If 'No,' it to goes back to the province," he said. "The mayors have done their best."

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An orca surfaces in Burrard Inlet on Thursday. Siwash Rock in Stanley Park can be seen in the background.
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# Orca pod passes by Stanley Park

**Burrard Inlet.** Group of killer whales made a rare pass through the inlet as onlookers watched nearby from the park's seawall

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A pod of orcas made a rare visit into Burrard Inlet, much to the delight of onlookers who watched the ocean's apex predators from the Stanley Park seawall Thursday.

Chad Nordstrom, a Vancouver Aquarium research biologist, says the pod of about four or five transient killer whales entered into Burrard Inlet sometime Wednesday evening. He said there were also reports of the orcas in Deep Cove, as well as near the Second Narrows Bridge, Thursday morning.

The pod then passed by Stanley Park on their way out of Burrard Inlet on Thursday morning, said Nordstrom.

"It looks like it was the same group that was captured by a Global News ... traffic helicopter (Wednesday) night," said Nordstrom.

Unlike resident orcas that feed on fish, transient killer whales hunt marine mammals, including seals, sea lions, dolphins and porpoises.

"They can really move quite fast. They can cover a great distance," he said.

"Their primary prey being marine mammals, they have to be on the move constantly to find new prey that are unaware to their presence and ambush them."

There have been a few sightings of killer whales entering Burrard Inlet in recent years, but Nordstrom said it's too early to say if these occurrences are becoming more frequent.

Nordstrom said based on the photos taken, there appears to be at least one large male, one female and two to three juveniles.

Aquarium staff were first alerted to the whale sightings through the B.C. Cetacean Sightings Network.

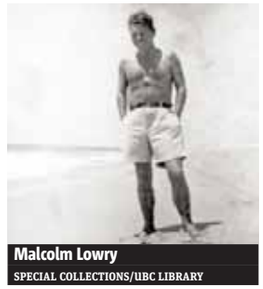
# Vancouver library launches Literary Landmark project to honour writers

To celebrate some of Vancouver's literary landmarks, the Vancouver Public Library has installed a series of plaques to mark sites connected to notable authors and poets.

The one installed near the Haywood Bandstand, at 1755 Beach Ave. in Vancouver's West End, denotes the structure that inspired Malcolm Lowry's poem Lament in the Pacific Northwest.

Another in the 3800 block of West 11th marks the house that Margaret Atwood, one of Canada's most celebrated authors, lived in during the mid-1960s when she was writing her earliest works.

The one on the lamppost in the 600 block of Keefer Street in East Vancouver marks the home where Roy Kiyooka lived with Daphne Marlatt when Kiyooka published his first book, transcanadaletters in 1975.



Malcolm Lowry
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The two dozen plaques installed so far in the Literary Landmark project were a collaboration between the library, B.C. Bookworld and the VPL Foundation through the support of Yosef Wosk, a longtime library donor.

"VPL's new Literary Landmark series extends the definition of the library — it is not just a building but also the authors, the publishers, the readers, the very streets of our city," Wosk said in a statement.

"We wanted to bring out Vancouver's literary history and make it come alive — right at the street level and right where it happened," explained VPL board chairwoman Mary Lynn Baum.

"We are shaped by the place we live in as much as it is shaped by us," said poet/writer Daphne Marlatt, an Order of Canada recipient whose plaque is at the Burrard Street Bridge to mark a poem about the bridge that ended: If you lived under this bridge you'd be home by now.

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# Terror suspect skeptical about target, trial hears

**Provincial legislature.** Audio recording shows John Nuttall was worried not enough people would be there when bombs went off

A British Columbia terrorism suspect was skeptical the provincial legislature was the best place to target with pressure-cooker bombs on Canada Day, but he appeared to change his mind after touring the area with an undercover RCMP officer, his trial heard Thursday.

The trial for John Nuttall and his wife Amanda Korody listened to an audio recording in which Nuttall worries there will be no one at the legislature to be killed if they detonated their homemade bombs at around 9 or 10 a.m. on July 1, 2013.

But Nuttall becomes more enthusiastic after the undercover officer shows him bushes where the bombs could be hidden and his wife assures him the attack will send a political message.

"That's the capital building, that's the legislature. OK?" says Nuttall. "You destroy that, it's the same as destroying the White House. It's the equivalent of Canada's White House."

The exchange took place on the evening of June 30 and was captured by a recording device worn by the officer, who was posing as an Arab businessman.

In the recording, the officer drives the couple around downtown Victoria as they check out potential targets.

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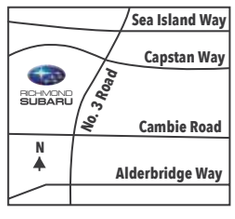


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# Surrey. RCMP focusing on string of shootings

Mounties in Surrey are appealing to the public for information on five men believed to be involved in a string of recent shootings in that city.

Surrey RCMP Chief Supt. Bill Fordy said investigators believe all six shootings were targeted and four are related.

He said the latest two incidents — one at a house in the area of 94 Avenue and 126 Street around 3:30 a.m. Thursday, and another around 11:50 p.m. Wednesday that left a Langley man injured — are not believed to be related to the previous four shootings, which unfolded over two days starting Tuesday.

Fordy said investigators believe the four related shootings involve low-level drug dealers.

Police released the names of five men believed to be involved in the four shootings.

"From the intelligence that has been gathered so far, there is nothing to indicate that these incidents are tied to organized gangs," he said. "However, these people are clearly violent and have shown a complete disregard for public safety."

Sameh Mohammed, 20, top left, and Amrit Kular, 20, to right, Indervir Johal, 21, bottom left, and Pardip Brar, 20, are believed to be involved in a string of recent shootings in Surrey.
COURTESY RCMP

The men include: Pardip Brar, 20, of Delta, Indervir Johal, 21, of Surrey, Amrit Kular, 20, of Surrey, Pardeep Singh, 20, of Surrey, and Sameh Mohammed, 20, of Surrey.

Police are also searching for three vehicles — a grey Volkswagen Passat or Jetta, a black Acura TL, and a white SUV — believed to be connected to the shootings. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

Surrey

## Police investigate hit-and-run death

RCMP in Surrey are asking for the public's help as they investigate the hit-and-run death of a pedestrian.

Police say the man was pushing a grocery cart at about 3:30 a.m. when he was struck from behind by a vehicle, possibly a semi truck.

He was taken to hospital but died of his injuries.

Mounties and the coroners service are still trying to determine the identity of the victim, believed to be in his 30s or 40s.

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Federal court

## Arguments against artificial reef dismissed

A judge has dismissed a legal challenge that would have torpedoed a B.C. group's plan to turn a former destroyer into an artificial reef near Vancouver.

The Save Halkett Bay Marine Park Society asked a Federal Court judge to overturn an environmental permit allowing the sinking of the former HMCS Annapolis near Gambier Island.

The group claimed the vessel's paint contained toxic chemicals.

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# Judge nixes bid by suburban cab companies

**Court.** Companies have been trying to gain access to Vancouver market since 2011

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A bid by suburban taxi companies to increase the number of cabs in Vancouver during peak late-night hours on weekends has been shut down by a judge.

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Kelleher dismissed the petition by the companies who wanted the City of Vancouver to allow a portion of the suburban cab fleet to operate during peak hours on Friday and Saturday nights.

The City of Vancouver earlier opposed the move but had asked staff to review the problem of people being unable to get cabs in downtown Vancouver late at night after the bars close on weekends.

The suburban cab companies have been trying to gain access to the Vancouver market since 2011 and received approval in 2012 to temporarily operate 38 cabs.

Mayor Gregor Robertson said Thursday that he was pleased with the court ruling.

"We're thankful to see a decision that upholds the city's powers to make that decision," the mayor said.

"We're in the midst of assessing the taxi industry, and staff will report back later this year with recommendations to improving taxi service and dealing with complications like Uber and suburban cabs."

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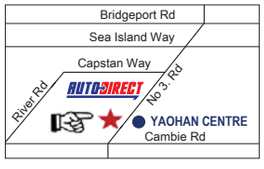


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## Smuggling. Man's harsher sentence justified: Court

An 18-year sentence is not excessive or unfit for a Richmond man convicted of conspiring to smuggle cocaine and guns as well as bribing a border guard, the B.C. Court of Appeal has ruled.

Shminder Singh Johal argued on appeal that he should have got the same 15-year sentence as Baljinder Singh Kandola, the border guard who took the bribe to allow the shipment into Canada from the U.S.

Johal also argued that the trial judge, B.C. Supreme Court Justice Selwyn Romilly, erred by ignoring Johal's prospects for rehabilitation.

The trial judge described Johal as the "overseer" of the smuggling operation, which involved another man, Herman Riar, who drove the vehicle containing the drugs.

Riar was sentenced to 12 years in prison for his lesser role. Kandola got 15 because it was his job to prevent drugs from being smuggled over the border, so he breached his duty of trust.

The smuggling operation was under police surveillance for four months before the three men were arrested on Oct. 25, 2007, as Johal and Riar entered Canada at the border through Kandola's lane.

Police seized more than 200 kilograms of cocaine and three firearms from the trunk of Riar's vehicle.

The three-judge Appeal Court panel dismissed Johal's appeal, finding his 18-year sentence was "wholly fit."

"The judge was alive to the issue of parity in sentencing the two offenders before him, and the distinction he drew fully reflects their differing degrees of culpability," Appeal Court Chief Justice Robert Bauman said of the decision. NEAL HALL/FOR METRO

**Okanagan**

### RCMP fear more child victims of sexual assault

Mounties in the Okanagan region are warning the public about a 61-year-old man accused of sexually assaulting children.

RCMP say David McHale of Peachland is facing numerous charges.

Investigators are concerned that there may be more victims and they're asking anyone who has had contact with McHale to call police.

The charges stem from a report that Mounties in Kelowna received last month about a sexual assault involving multiple child victims and a known suspect.

McHale remains in custody and is scheduled to appear in court on April 9. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Vancouver Island**

### Mounties seek child-pornography charges for pair

Mounties are recommending child-pornography charges against two men on Vancouver Island.

Cpl. Jesse Foreman says a 54-year-old man from Parksville and a 42-year-old resident of Qualicum Beach were arrested after police searched their homes.

Foreman says RCMP are recommending charges of possession of child pornography and intent to distribute child porn against the man from Parkville.

He says that in the case of the Qualicum Beach resident, police are recommending charges of possession of child pornography, unsafe storage of a firearm and possession of a controlled substance. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Calgary woman dies after whale slams boat in Mexico

**Cabo San Lucas.** Captain was forced to make a 'sudden manoeuvre'; Jen Karren later died

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A Calgary woman killed Wednesday off the coast of Cabo San Lucas in Mexico — after a grey whale crashed into a tourist boat — has been identified as Jen Karren.

Cabo Adventure, the company behind the Snorkel & Sea Adventure tour that Karren was on, said the 35-year-old woman was killed after a whale broke the water's surface, causing the boat's captain to make a "sudden manoeuvre" on Wednesday.

Jen Karren receives CPR aboard a small boat. PROFEPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"The whale hit the boat on one side, which caused two passengers to be hurt and, unfortunately the death of one passenger," said Felipe Diez-Canedo, general director of Cabo Adventures.

It appears the force of the impact sent Karren into the water, with a guide and a second passenger managing to get her back on the boat, where a third passenger performed CPR.

"On arrival to the marina, the paramedics took the passenger to a private hospital where, unfortunately, (she) passed away," Diez-Canedo said.

Karren's employer, construction consulting firm, WorleyParsons, issued a statement explaining she was a "friendly teammate who was willing to help out wherever she could."

The statement explained that Karren had worked for the company for six years and was a member of its Office Services team in Calgary and "always spoke kindly of everyone with whom she came in contact."

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# Critics fear new anti-terror bill will tread on rights

The federal government's assurances that its anti-terrorism bill will not be a licence to spy on activists have done little to calm the fears of aboriginal leaders, environmentalists and human rights advocates.

Several critics said Thursday they have reason to believe the legislation would be used to step up surveillance of protesters opposed to petroleum projects and other resource developments.

"We don't want to be labelled as terrorists in our own territories, our own homelands, for standing up to protect the land and waters," Assembly of First Nations national chief Perry Bellegarde told the House of Commons public safety committee.

**Dismissing concerns**

**Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney told the committee earlier this week such concerns were ridiculous.**

Bellegarde indicated the bill would be challenged in the courts, saying the federal government did not fulfil its duty to consult Aboriginal Peoples.

The committee plans to hear more than 50 witnesses on the bill, introduced in response to extremist-inspired attacks that killed two Canadian soldiers last October.

The legislation would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service the ability to actively disrupt terror plots, make it easier for police to limit the movements of a suspect, expand no-fly list powers and take aim at terrorist propaganda.

The bill would also relax the sharing of federally-held information about activity that "undermines the security of Canada."

Neither the new disruptive powers nor the information-sharing provisions apply to "lawful" protest, but some fear the bill could be used against those who demonstrate without an official permit or despite a court order.

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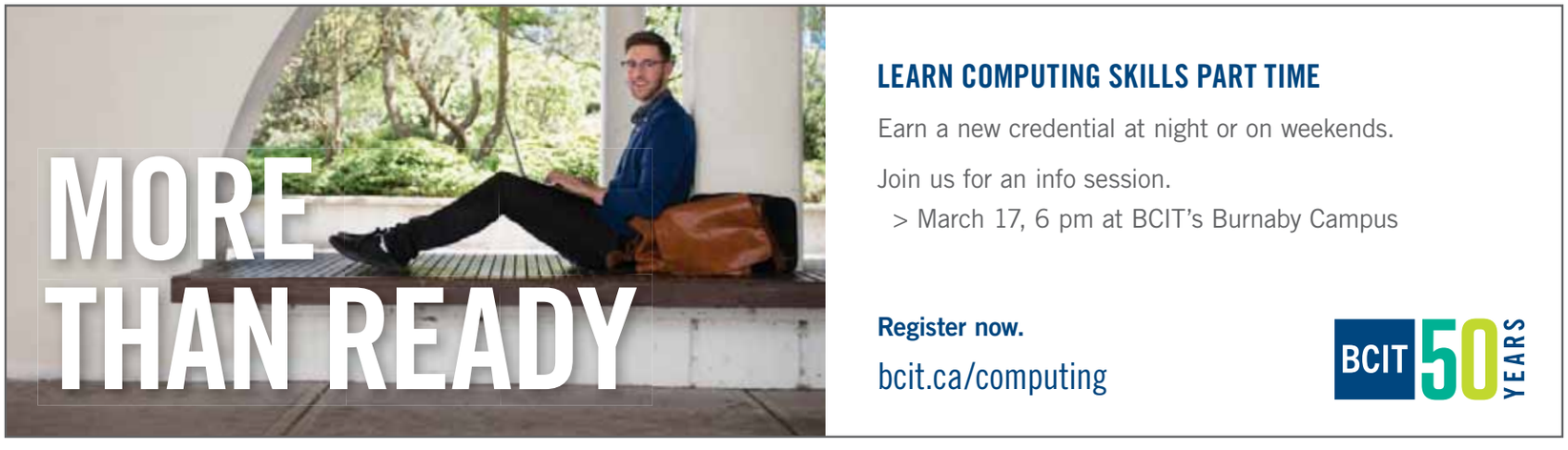
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# Harper playing with fire: Critics

**Quebec.** Tensions brewing between Conservatives and Muslim community

Whether it is to realign Canadian values in an age of terror, or simply to win votes, critics warn that Prime Minister Stephen Harper could be taking the country along a turbulent course with his broadside against the niqab and stricter strains of the Muslim faith.

Look far enough along that path and you will see the province of Quebec, whose struggle with the faith has been going on for years and is nowhere near finished.

In Herouxville, Que., a cheeky town council decided in 2007 to outlaw face coverings in public (except for Halloween, of course). That led to a multi-million-dollar commission on religious accommodation. A political proposal to ban the wearing of religious symbols failed to pass into law, but not before reports came in of mounting aggression and abuse against veiled women. Now, Muslim communities across Quebec are reporting that there is suddenly no room and no appetite when they are seeking permission to open places of worship.

"It's as if it's OK today to be a Muslim in our society as long as we're invisible," said Haroun Bouazzi, co-president of the Quebec Association of Muslims and Arabs for a Secular Society.

The Harper government's decision to appeal a court ruling allowing a Muslim woman to wear a niqab (an Islamic face covering with openings only for a woman's eyes) while taking the oath of citizenship, was one federal step in the province's path. But the prime minister's assertion that the niqab is the product of a culture that is "anti-women," seems like an administration doubling down in preparation for an election.

It's been tried before by the Parti Québécois government. The PQ found spirited support for a legally dubious ban on the wearing of religious symbols by judges, bureaucrats, university professors and even daycare employees, only to have their gains undermined in last year's provincial election by a jumbled stance on how to achieve Quebec's independence.

"It's true, the niqab is anti-woman. We have to say it clearly and stop beating around the bush out of fear of upsetting people," Bernard Drainville, the architect of the PQ Values Charter who is now running for the party's leadership, told Radio-Canada Thursday.

Nariman Eldoraini gives a thumbs up as she checks her hijab in a mirror during a gathering in Montreal on Sunday, January 12, 2014, to oppose the proposed Quebec Values Charter. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Drainville made pains to note that he was aligned with his party's federal cousins, the Bloc Québécois, rather than with the Conservatives.

But so strident was he in his denunciation of Harper's main political threats, NDP leader Thomas Mulcair and Liberal leader Justin Trudeau, that it was the effect rather than the intention that mattered most.

Clues come from a September 2013 study of the values charter by the polling firm CROP. It found strongest support for the PQ values charter among the old stock francophone Quebecers who live in the rural regions, cling to their Catholic heritage and overwhelmingly believe that immigrants are washing over their land and their way of life.

In other words, it was red meat for the more conservative elements of Quebec society — just the types Harper's Tories already represent in the five provincial ridings they currently hold and that they will be targeting in the general election to be called later this year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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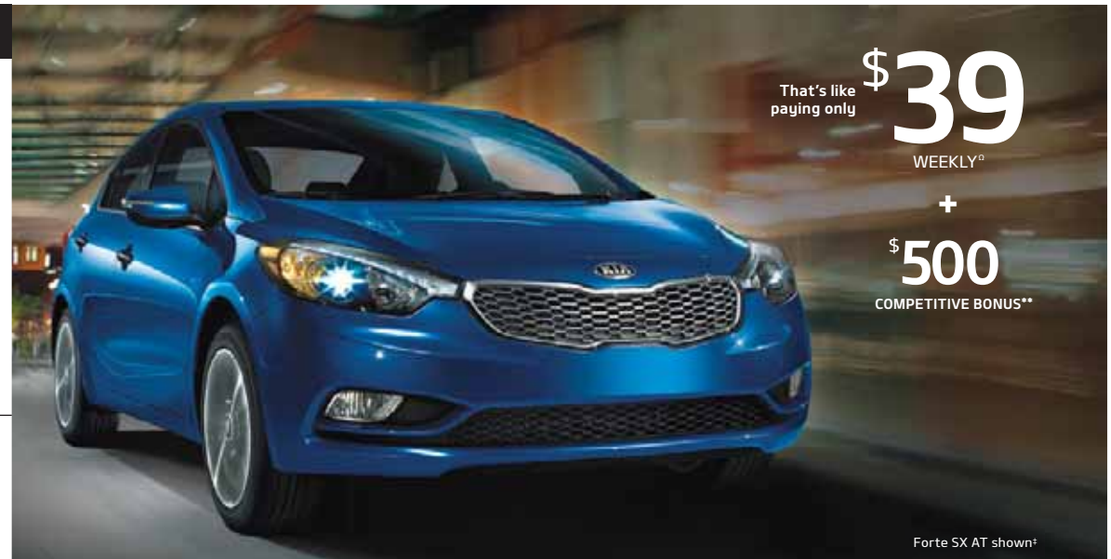

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# Two Ferguson officers shot; groups try to quell tensions

**Missouri.** Bloodshed threatened to inflame the already fraught relationship between police and protesters

With measured remarks and a conciliatory tone, police, political leaders and civil-rights activists on Thursday sought to tamp down tensions after two police officers were shot in front of the Ferguson Police Department during a protest.

The officers were quickly released from the hospital, but St. Louis County Police Chief Jon Belmar said they could have easily been killed and called the attack "an ambush." Meanwhile, people were taken in for questioning after a SWAT team converged on a Ferguson home near the shooting site. Police did not immediately offer details.

The shootings marked the first time in eight months of tension in Ferguson that officers were shot at a protest, and the bloodshed threatened to inflame the already fraught relationship between police and protesters just as the city seeks reforms in the wake of a withering Justice Department report on its law-enforcement practices.

The attack resonated all the way to Washington. President Barack Obama took to Twitter to relay his prayers to the officers and to denounce violence against police as unacceptable. "Path to justice is one all of us must travel together," Obama wrote, signing the tweet with his initials to indicate the president personally composed it.

Attorney General Eric Holder called the shooting "inexcusable and repugnant."

The shots were fired early Thursday just as a small crowd of protesters began to break up after a demonstration that unfolded hours after the resignation of Ferguson Police Chief Tom Jackson.

The shots were believed to come from a handgun fired across the street from the police department, which has been a national focal point since the Aug. 9 shooting death of Michael Brown, who was black and unarmed, by a white police officer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A police officer walks toward the Ferguson Police Department Thursday.
JEFF ROBERSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Atlanta. Residents call for police accountability

Residents in the Atlanta area are adding their voices to a nationwide chorus of calls for increased police accountability after an unarmed, naked man was fatally shot by an officer responding to a complaint of a suspicious person at an apartment complex.

More than 100 protesters gathered in the city of Decatur on Wednesday night to protest the death of Anthony Hill, 27. Most said they hoped the latest shooting would become part of an ongoing national discussion on how police officers interact with citizens, especially minorities.

The relationship between law enforcement and civilians — particularly in poor, minority and high-crime neighbourhoods — has become a contentious issue in many states across the U.S. following the high-profile deaths of unarmed men and teens by police officers, some of whom have been exonerated of wrongdoing after saying they perceived the men and teens they shot as threats. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shooting

## *Report forthcoming*

Wisconsin's attorney general says a report on the shooting of an unarmed 19-year-old man by a Madison police officer should be sent to a prosecutor in about two weeks. Attorney General Brad Schimel is updating the investigation into the death of Tony Robinson. Robinson, a biracial man, was shot and killed by a white officer Friday night after police said Robinson assaulted the officer. Schimel is encouraging the public to be patient before judging what happened. He says he appreciates that Robinson's family has urged that protests be peaceful.
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# CRTC shakes up Canadian content on TV

**Broadcast.** Regulator hopes changes will lead to higher quality Canadian programming

Canadian broadcasters will have less-stringent Canadian content requirements, but be required to fund higher-quality homegrown productions as a result of the findings of the CRTC's Let Talk TV public hearings.

Jean-Pierre Blais, chairman of the CRTC, outlined changes intended to develop better Canadian programming Thursday in Ottawa.

Blais characterized the television viewing climate as being in an "an age of abundance" and citing the need for "quality" Canadian programming to compete for viewer's attentions spans, which is the goal of the outlined changes.

Canadian content restrictions will be relaxed, except in the prime-time viewing window (6 to 11 p.m.). Specialty channels will have to show 35 per cent Canadian programming throughout their schedules, and some local stations will not have to have any Can-Con in non-prime time viewing time slots.

Specialty channels like HGTV, Space and MTV Canada which have had genre protection to limit competition — but also license requirements that limited what kind of content they could show — will see those restrictions lifted.

All Canadian broadcasters will have to invest in homegrown production, and there are changes to productions being labelled Canadian content. One pilot project will encourage adaptations of Canadian novels, and another will focus on series with a $2 million budget per hour, but both will require a Canadian screenwriter, leading actor or production company to qualify as Canadian content.

Thursday's changes follow an initial decision to allow Canadian's access to American commercials during the Super Bowl.

The CRTC still has to act on issues such as cable unbundling and a pick-and-pay channel option.

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## Egg industry orders Bacon

The American Egg Board is launching a series of online ads featuring Footloose actor Kevin Bacon, seen in a print ad, with plenty of puns on his last name. The campaign, which includes magazine ads, comes as a protein craze in the U.S. is helping fuel sales after decades of declining consumption. COURTESY AMERICAN EGG BOARD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# WE NEED TO STOP ABSORBING THIS COST

**THE KOHLER REPORT**
By Rebecca Kohler

When I was in university, I used to steal from people.

Before you call the cops, it wasn't anything crazy; no laptops or jewelry, liquor or cash. No, when I was in university, I used to steal tampons from people's bathrooms. If I was at a party or a friend's house, I'd inspect their feminine product supply and if it was robust, I'd take a few and put them in my purse. I wasn't a kleptomaniac or a bad person, I was just a woman who was broke and bleeding.

Feminine products are an essential part of living in modern-day society. They're expensive to begin with; why are we taxed on them, too?

Before I lose half my audience, let me put this in universal terms: Did you know that you're paying tax every time you go to the bathroom? Eww, what? Yes, because toilet paper is taxed, so with each wipe (remember, front to back) the government gets richer.

If you agree that that's gross and unfair, would you also agree it's unfair that people who menstruate pay a tax on tampons and all other feminine products? Every time we shed the stuff that lines our uterine walls, the government further lines its pockets. Talk about blood money!

There's a petition at Change.org, "Government of Canada — No Tax on Tampons" that's trying to put a stop to this, and you should sign it. Now, before you say, "This isn't my problem because I have a penis," stop and think about how you came to be on Earth. Did a stork bring you here? Were you deposited on the shores via giant shell like Venus?

If the answer to both of those questions is 'No,' then I'm sorry, but this IS your problem because that means you came from a womb.

Once a month, the female reproductive system does something that's integral to keeping the human race on Earth and we're taxed on it.

**Tampon tax**

## Feminine products are already expensive; putting a tax on them adds insult to what kind of looks like an injury.

The petition estimates that Canadians paid the government more than $36 million in tax on tampons. This is a cost we shouldn't be willing to absorb.

Canadians don't pay tax on everything. For instance, some foods and medical supplies are tax exempt, while luxury and cosmetic items are not. Sounds good on paper, but when you break it down, priorities start looking crooked. According to the federal government's Excise Tax Act, schedule VI, feminine products fall under the "cosmetic" category while cocktail cherries fall under "food." Okay, while it's true that cocktail cherries are edible, are they really crucial to human existence? In fact, aren't they just a "cosmetic" addition to a piña colada?

Moreover, if tampons are a "cosmetic" item, who does that serve? I guess tampons could be considered cosmetic in that they kind of cover up a woman's period.

That's nice for women, but it (also) makes life cleaner and less bloody for men, too.

How would our boyfriends/husbands like it if "the rag" wasn't just an expression? What if we used J-Cloths that we washed and hung around the house to dry?

Trust me, tampons and other feminine hygiene products improve *everyone's* life.

Feminine products are already expensive; putting a tax on them adds insult to what kind of looks like an injury.

If you're still wondering why you should care about this, think back to my tax on toilet paper example — is a square of two-ply really a "luxury"? Well, maybe Charmin is — so soft!

Jump on this No Tax on Tampons petition and should it succeed, use it as a way to get the tax off the T.P., too! We all wipe and we all need uteruses, whether they're in your body or someone else's.

*Rebecca Kohler is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter at @becca_kohler*

# Happy face/Sad face

From spitting to swearing, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week:

### HORKING HOCKEY PLAYERS

A hockey arena in Terrace, B.C., has cancelled drop-in adult games for the rest of the season because some players refused to stop spitting in the penalty box and on the benches. Parents whose kids play at the arena were grossed out and complained.

### NO MORE 'FEELING FAT' UPDATES

Kudos to activists for successfully petitioning Facebook to remove the feeling "fat" option from its drop-down menu, and a pat on the back to the all-powerful corporation for listening to the plebs. Hopefully newsfeeds everywhere will also see a decrease in "thinspiration" photos, itemized lists of everything a friend ate that day and, it almost goes without saying, instagrammed dinner shots.

### WHAT NOT TO WEAR: PMO EDITION

Our dear leader is facing some major backlash over comments he made about face coverings. Prime Minister Stephen Harper said that "most Canadians" find wearing a face veil during citizenship ceremonies to be "offensive" and added that the niqab is "rooted in a culture that is anti-women." Hey, Harper: If you think Muslim women shouldn't be told what to wear than maybe you should, y'know, not tell them what to wear.

### SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT: SET FOR LIFE

A small-town Nova Scotia man who just won Atlantic Lottery's Set For Life already knows what he's going to do with his cheque: Buy a new set of false teeth. James Hanlon opted for a lump sum rather than $1,000 a week for 25 years. He'll be taking home an impressive $675,000. The handyman also says he has no plans to retire.

### TIME FOR ANOTHER FOOTLOOSE REMAKE

Apparently the town of Taber, Alta. has never heard of the Charter of Rights. Its city council recently passed a bylaw that bans swearing in public, which brings a fine of up to $250. Kids and teens must now abide by an 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew. And officers now have the discretion to break up assemblies of three or more people in public spaces. Kevin Bacon, we need you up here!

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# Making a fairy tale come true

**Interview.** Building Cinderella's glass slipper was a formidable task, even for an Oscar-winning costume designer

"How do you do a glass shoe?"

It sounds like a question from an age-old nursery rhyme, but was actually a real problem for Sandy Powell, the Academy Award-winning costume designer of the new live-action version of Cinderella.

Powell, whose Oscars for Shakespeare in Love, The Aviator and The Young Victoria decorate her mantle, gave me a sneak peek at the unique shoes given to Cinderella (played by Downton Abbey's Lily James) by her Fairy Godmother months in advance of this weekend's opening.

"The glass slipper had nothing to do with any shoemakers because it is made of crystal," Powell explained.

Working with Swarovski, she designed the shoe, complete with a six-inch heel and 221 facets with their light-reflecting Crystal Blue Aurora Borealis coating, out of solid crystal.

"No one can actually put their foot in that," she says.

"It's a prop. In effect I was designing a prop that gets held and gets tried on but for her (to walk in) we made another shoe that was the same shape, in leather, that she could wear and then the visual effects (transformed it to) the glass on her foot.

For the film, Cinderella's glass slipper had a six-inch heel. CONTRIBUTED

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"The glass shoe was the biggest challenge to do.

"How do you do a glass shoe that doesn't look ugly and huge?

"Hopefully I have done it. It had to sparkle. And rather than it be made up of lots of little crystals, I thought it would be brilliant if we could make it out of one piece of crystal. We didn't know if that would be possible.

"We spoke to Swarovski very early on and I thought it should be like a faceted, cut piece of crystal and that's what we worked on, which took several months.

"They didn't even know if they could do it.

"We didn't know if it was going to be possible until the first one came hot off the press."

Eight crystal shoes were made, but in order to save time and money, there was no left or right foot, just neutral, according to Powell.

"No one is going to notice," she says. "Doing a pair would have taken twice as long and we never see two at the same time."

Working with Disney to bring Cinderella to life brings Powell full circle back to the movie that set her on her career path.

She cites the Mouse House's Mary Poppins as an early influence, adding,

"I've always been inspired by clothes and I have always loved films."

These days, 40 movies and three Oscars later, Powell is still finding plenty of passion in her work.

"I love it.

"It gives me great satisfaction," she says.

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# Naomi Watts says joining Divergent sequel was 'scary'

**Movies.** Veteran actress says a warm welcome by the young Insurgent cast calmed her fears

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Naomi Watts as Four's estranged mom in Insurgent, the sequel to Divergent. CONTRIBUTED

Joining an established franchise the second movie in can be daunting even for the most experienced of actresses, and for Naomi Watts becoming a part of The Divergent Series: Insurgent was no exception.

"That can always be scary, the first day. When I arrived on the set, it was a little scary because this is a very well-oiled machine," Watts says. "I was just wildly impressed with how things were going and how fast they were moving and how disciplined all of these young actors were. When there's that many people, you can sometimes sense a little rivalry here, a few issues there, but they felt very connected and very collaborative."

The centre of that warm fuzziness, apparently, was series star Shailene Woodley. "I remember when I first met Shailene I was just enveloped in this giant hug," Watts recalls. "It felt so warm and just relaxed me right away."

Watts co-stars as Evelyn, estranged mother of Four (Theo James) and leader of the outcast Factionless in the dystopian future of the Divergent world, but as an actress she honestly thought her action-packed days were behind her. "I remember back in the day, when I was sort of at the very end of my ingenue days, being in King Kong and having to do quite a lot of physical stuff, making the promise to myself that I would never do that again," she says with a laugh. "But now I'm an older woman — or a much more mature woman — and I don't have to do quite what Shailene has to go through. But we'll see about that for the next movie."

But while the action wasn't too involving for her — this go round, at least — there were some aspects to Evelyn that were tough to connect with, like the fact that she abandoned her son when he was very young.

"That one was very hard to reconcile," Watts admits. But we know that she was going through something that she felt was life-threatening and a great deal of abuse, and that was a survival choice that she had to make. But I couldn't imagine that anything could be so bad that my children would be left, but this is the world of storytelling."

Of course, while the Divergent franchise has been up and running already, Watts sees this as just the beginning for Evelyn. "It's a fun character because that's a complex thing to take on, the regret. But she's got drive, and she wants to fix the relationship, genuinely, I do think that," she says. "Perhaps there's something else going on as well, like she knows that both of (Woodley's and James') characters are going to help her achieve things. So it's hard to establish what her motives are in this movie. We've obviously explore that more in the next movie."

**Quoted**

**"That's a complex thing to take on, the regret ... she wants to fix the relationship, genuinely."**

Naomi Watts, on her role as Four's estranged mother

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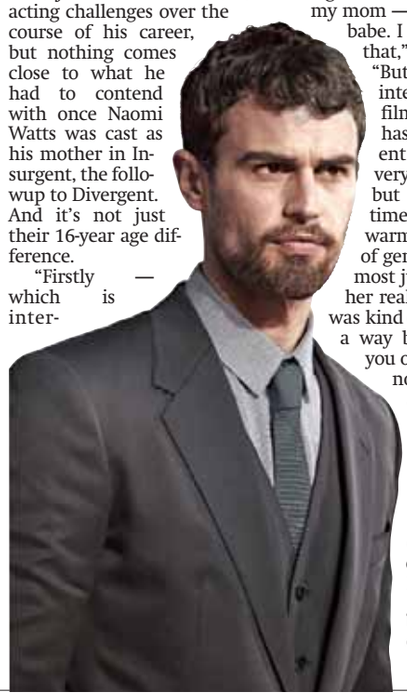
# Insurgent. Theo James' awkward Four-letter word for onscreen mom: 'Babe'

Theo James has faced a lot of acting challenges over the course of his career, but nothing comes close to what he had to contend with once Naomi Watts was cast as his mother in Insurgent, the follow-up to Divergent. And it's not just their 16-year age difference.

"Firstly — which is interesting because she's playing my mom — she's a bit of a babe. I had to get past that," James admits. "But no, she's really interesting in this film because she has a very different energy. She's very calculating, but at the same time she has a warmth and a kind of gentleness that almost juxtaposes what her real ambition is. It was kind of nice, that, in a way because it puts you on the back foot not only as the audience but as the character when you're doing the scenes with her. She's not staring you down in a kind of abrasive way. It's very loving and sweet but intense at the same time."



Theo James
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That estranged mother-son relationship echoes the troubled father-son relationship he played in the first film opposite Ray Stevenson. And James had absolutely zero life experience upon which to draw for either pairing.

"He has a not-great relationship with either of his parents, and luckily I have two good parents," he says. "That was one thing that was something that needed a little addressing when it came to the Naomi scenes.

"It is kind of the same, i.e., he's estranged from both parents. But I didn't want it to be a repeat of the same beat he's already had with his father, so we discussed that.

"But in terms of drawing on my own family, I think the importance of family is a big thing from me, so yeah, using those feelings and thoughts and philosophy and incorporating that into the character is definitely something that I did … a little."

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# Bill Nighy is excited for April in New York, with stops for M&Ms

**Profile.** Broadway stint has busy actor planning some low-key downtime

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Bill Nighy is a pretty busy guy. Between previews beginning Friday for Skylight, his Broadway revival co-starring Carey Mulligan, and The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel currently in theatres, the seasoned British actor has no time to stop and watch any of his own work. Which is just fine, because he'd do almost anything to avoid something so painful.

Bill Nighy CONTRIBUTED

**I suppose doing theatre is a handy way around that, as no one can ask you to watch the performance. What are you looking forward to most about returning to Broadway?**

I look forward to the bit where we've opened, everything went OK, it's a Sunday late afternoon, it's coming on spring — so that would make it April, sometime — and I've got Sunday night and all day and night Monday off, and we have been deemed a worthy visitor. I'm walking hopefully toward a bookshop that's still opened where there's a coffee shop nearby, and I will wander through the park and feel like I've earned my place in the city. Or, you know, maybe driving to Brooklyn for dessert, which I did on many occasions last time I was in New York.

**Any place in particular?**

There's a place under the bridge on other side of the river, (The Brooklyn Ice Cream Factory). It's right under the bridge. I used to go there for ice cream as my reward for everything. That was after I'd made my M&Ms stop, because you have more colours of M&Ms than we have (in the U.K.), I think.

**You're playing a love story in the Marigold Hotel movies. How rare is it at this point in your career to get scripts like that?**

Pretty rare. Because traditionally I think I'm supposed to have retired from such things about 15 years ago. It's quite refreshing. Since the first Marigold there seem to have been a spate of movies concerning themselves with older people, but they are quite rare.

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**Stars.** Lily James, Cate Blanchett

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**Stars.** Liam Neeson, Natalie Martinez

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**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
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**Comedy**

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**Director.** Tom McCarthy

**Stars.** Adam Sandler, Method Man

Max Simkin (Adam Sandler) repairs shoes in the same New York shop that has been in his family for generations. Disenchanted with the grind of daily life, Max stumbles upon a magical heirloom that allows him to step into the lives of his customers and see the world in a new way.

**Rotten Tomatoes™ score**
**Critics:** 19% **Audience:** + 81%

**Comedy**

## Miss Julie

**Director.** Liv Ullmann

**Stars.** Jessica Chastain, Colin Farrell

Miss Julie depicts a fierce battle between a man and a woman, a struggle for power and dominance enacted through a cruel and compulsive game of seduction and repulsion.

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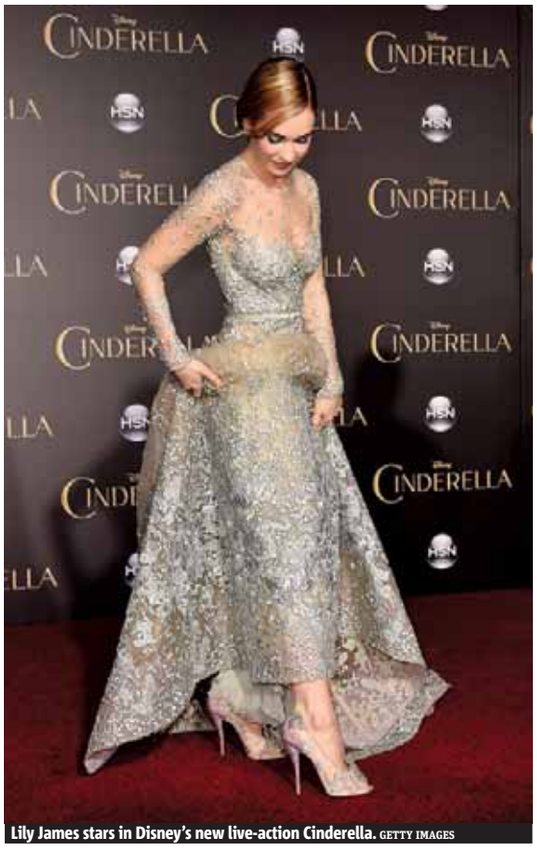

Lily James stars in Disney's new live-action Cinderella. GETTY IMAGES

# Disney gives Lily James the slipper and Downton star finesses the fit

**Fairy-tale remake.** Actress dishes on how reading for the stepsister turned into her Cinderella moment

RICHARD CROUSE
Metro

The glass slipper fitting on Cinderella's foot is at the core of the magic of the fairy tale. It is a plot point that cannot be removed. If you do the whole story falls apart.

Real life is different.

Lily James, star of the new Disney live-action remake of the Brothers Grimm tale, says the Swarovski slipper she "wears" in the film didn't fit.

"That is my English humour," she says. "It didn't fit anyone. It wasn't that they just got the size wrong. It's Swarovski Crystal so it would have broken. They had to CGI it onto my foot, which was a bit of a shame."

The Downton Abbey star — she plays the rebellious Lady Rose on the hit show — is about to have her name intrinsically connected with the Disney princess, but at the audition she had her eye on another role.

"When you get the casting call for something they pick what part you're going to go for and they wanted me for (stepsister) Anastasia," she says. "I remember I wore this pink tie-dyed jumper that the casting director told me to burn. But I had blonde hair because of Downton and they said I should read for Ella.

**Quoted**

**"I was kind of up for playing the off-centre part; the quirkier, funnier part."**
Lily James

"I was kind of up for playing the off-centre part; the quirkier, funnier part. I paced the corridor for about 20 minutes and the breakdown of the part that Ken (Branagh) had given me kind of struck me.

"It said she had a generous spirit and a generous nature and an open heart and I think because I didn't have time to over think I just went in and just read it. I think I was much better for it."

So how will Downton Abbey fans react to seeing her familiar face as Cinderella?

"I hope lovingly," she laughs. "I didn't think there were many similarities, but some people have said they think are. I watched the film and in the first scene I thought, 'Oh no! I'm playing Rose.' Then thankfully I shed it."

**First-sight butterflies**

**Her first day on set she shot one of the film's key scenes, the "love-at-first-sight" meeting between Cinderella and Prince Charming, played by Game of Thrones actor Richard Madden.**

- "Ken said, 'How do you feel about shooting that scene first?' Richard and I didn't really know each other and Ken caught that nervous energy, that getting-to-know-you, butterflies-in-your-stomach thing."
- "He caught it on camera and I think that was smart. It kind of sets up the whole movie. It feels in that moment that Ella is very strong."

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# Disney breaks news on Frozen, Star Wars flick

**Rogue One.** First film to go outside the primary Star Wars epic set to be released in 2016

The Walt Disney Co. on Thursday announced plans to make a sequel to the animated mega-hit Frozen, and revealed new details about the upcoming Star Wars reboot.

Frozen 2 had been widely expected for a film that has become a juggernaut for Disney. Since its release, it's made nearly $1.3 billion globally at the box office, generated a massive merchandising revenue stream and won the Academy Award for best animated feature.

Disney didn't announce any details on the sequel's plot or a release date, but said directors Jennifer Lee and Chris Buck will be returning.

Disney chairman and CEO Bob Iger also announced at the shareholder meeting that the new Star Wars film will be called Rogue One and will be directed by Gareth Edwards (Godzilla).

The script will be written by Oscar nominated Chris Weitz (About a Boy) and will feature Oscar nominated actress Felicity Jones.

Rogue One will be the first film of the Star Wars Franchise to explore stories outside the primary Star Wars epic. Initial filming is set to begin this summer in London. The film's projected release date is December 16, 2016. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

John Boyega stars in Star Wars: The Force Awakens. The followup, Rogue One, is projected to be released on Dec. 16, 2016. CONTRIBUTED

# Jonathan Coulton's modern princess gets comic treatment

What started as a project to turn Internet music sensation Jonathan Coulton's music into a graphic novel has evolved into The Princess Who Saved Herself, a children's book that offers a modern take on the princess story.

Greg Pak, a well-known comic book writer behind the feature film Robot Stories and comics such as Storm and Batman/Superman, is working on the new children's book along with the Japanese-Canadian artist Takeshi Miyazawa (who co-created the Marvel character Amadeus Cho with Pak) and American singer-songwriter Coulton.

The resulting book, according to their Kickstarter page, "reinvents the princess myth for a new generation of proactive girls."

The team has a history of Kickstarter success: Their 2013 campaign to turn some of Coulter's songs into a graphic novel took $340,270 on an initial goal of $39,000, leading them to offer their backers a digital version of The Princess Who Saved Herself as a thank you. The next step: To produce a hard copy.

The new campaign started with a goal of $15,000 (as it's already been written, drawn, coloured and lettered, they just need to cover printing costs) and had hit more than $22,000 after the first day of a 15-day campaign.

Indonesian comic book colourist Jessica Kholinne (X-Treme X-Men) and comic book letterer Simon Bowland (Marvel, Dynamite) also contributed to the book. AFP

The rock 'n' roll princess herself. THE PRINCESS WHO SAVED HERSELF/AFP

**'An awesome kid'**

The Princess Who Saved Herself is based on another of Coulton's songs, telling the story of "an awesome kid who lives with her pet snake and plays rock 'n roll all day to the huge annoyance of the classical guitarist witch who lives down the road. Hijinks, conflicts, and a fun reconciliation ensue, all showcasing determination, bravery, and understanding."

# You can't keep a good fighter down

**Interview.** Ex boxer Evander Holyfield holds no punches as he talks about his rise and fall and rise again in the world of professional sport

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Twenty years ago, Evander Holyfield was one of the baddest (and richest) dudes to ever grace the canvas of a boxing ring. A world-class pugilist who fought his way up from poverty, 'The Real Deal' had a killer knockout punch, and a bank account to match.

Fast-forward just a few years later, and this venerable practitioner of the Sweet Science was losing the fight against a different kind of opponent: rampant, unrestrained success.

Champs, a new documentary from filmmaker Bert Marcus (How to Make Money Selling Drugs), chronicles the out-of-the-ring financial and personal struggles of prize fighting legends Holyfield, Mike Tyson and Bernard Hopkins. It's the story of how money mismanagement and personal problems left some of boxing's biggest names down for the count.

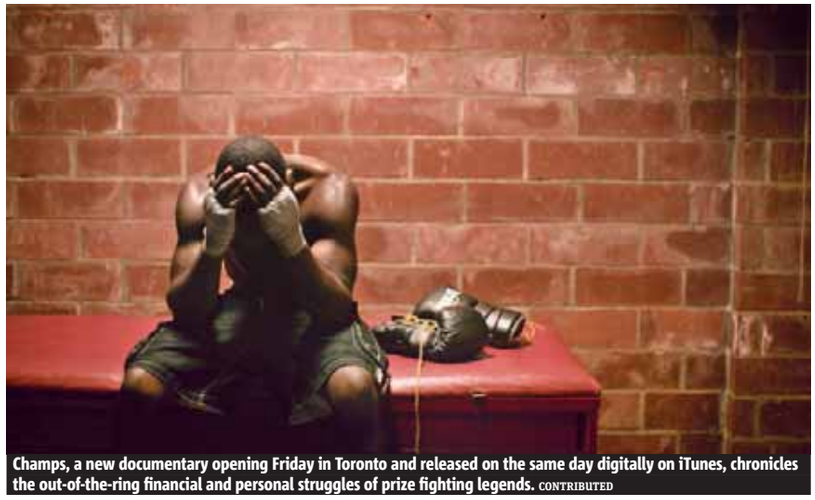
So just how do you go from being a $200-million king of the ring to broke? Metro spoke with The Real Deal to do a little verbal sparring and find out.

"I had a contract which allowed me to make $50,000 in my first (professional) fight," says Holyfield, "which was humungous because I was making $8,000 a year, with three jobs. And so here I am, a person who fought for 12 years as an amateur for free. Now I'm getting paid to do something that I love doing already."

That was just the beginning.

At the height of his career, Holyfield's biggest fights were grossing anywhere from $77 to $100 million. He reportedly earned $35 million for his rematch with Tyson (the infamous Bite Fight) alone.

"Having the money, and not knowing when to say 'no,'" he says, was the problem.



Champs, a new documentary opening Friday in Toronto and released on the same day digitally on iTunes, chronicles the out-of-the-ring financial and personal struggles of prize fighting legends. CONTRIBUTED

"Of course when I made all this money ... I wanted everybody to do well. I was willing to do what is necessary to help everybody."

With a generous heart, deep pockets and little knowledge of finance, Holyfield's millions didn't go the distance.

"My mother said, 'Son, you cannot make nobody rich. You can give them an opportunity to be rich, but they got to do the work — or you'll go broke.' And unfortunately, you know what, that's what happened."

In 2012, Holyfield was forced to sell his 44,234-square-foot mansion and auction off some of his most prized possessions, including memorabilia from his 1984 Olympic bronze medal win, many of his championship title belts, and an array of fight-used robes and gloves.

In the end, the one thing he was able to keep, says Holyfield, was his positive attitude.

"I didn't let people change me from the attitude I had towards people.

"I had to think back to what I was brought up on and the word of God. And the only thing that I had to build my faith on was that the second half of my life would be better than my first half."

Holyfield continued to fight professionally until last year, when he officially retired at age 51. Nowadays, The Real Deal makes a living from paid speaking engagements.

And what does the five-time heavyweight champion think about the upcoming Mayweather vs. Pacquiao 'Fight of the Century'?

"I think it's going to be an excellent fight." And it's likely to go the distance, he says. No knockouts. "Both the guys are clever fighters, and one of them is a defensive fighter, which is Floyd.

"I think it'll be ... that ultimate chess match. Unless somebody gets careless."

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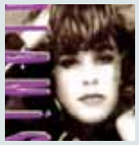
Alanis Morissette and twin sibling Wade were born in Ottawa. Morissette took an interest in music, songwriting and performing at an early age. At age 10, she recorded her first song, and in 1986 she joined the cast of the Canadian kids sketch comedy TV series You Can't Do That on Television.

**Early 1990s**

Morissette released her debut album, Alanis, in Canada in 1991. The dance-pop project had the single Too Hot, which reached the Top 20 on the singles chart. The next year she released another album in Canada, Now is the Time.



**Late 1990s**

After moving to Los Angeles, Morissette got her big breakthrough with the release of 1995's Jagged Little Pill. It was an alt-rock project of deeply personal hits. She followed it up with the equally personal but less angsty album Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie.

**2000-present**

Morissette has since released several albums, including Under Rug Swept, So-Called Chaos, Flavors of Entanglement and Havoc and Bright Lights. She also infamously hosted the Junos in a nude body suit.

**Acting**

In the 1999 comedy film Dogma Morissette appeared as God, a role she reprised for a cameo in 2001's Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back. Her other acting credits include Sex and the City and Curb Your Enthusiasm.

**Personal life**

Morissette was engaged to actor Ryan Reynolds in the 2000s, but they eventually split. In 2010, she married rapper Mario (Souleye) Treadway and the same year they had their son, Ever.

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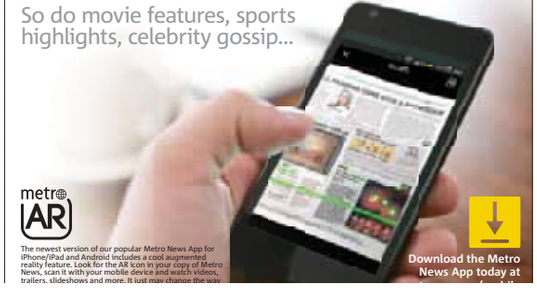

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# Take it from Alanis, she oughta know

**Interview.** 20 years after Jagged Little Pill, the introspective songwriter reflects on her career

Alanis Morissette made her Junos debut back in 1992, wearing buoyant ringlets, a bejewelled off-the-shoulder dress, and the dumbstruck expression of a 17-year-old leaping blindly into the glare of the spotlight. She was dressed in the disguise of a dance-pop featherweight, which ultimately didn't fit.

But at least the dress did.

"Not unlike most brides around the planet, I put all my stress into what dress I would wear," Morissette recalled with a laugh recently, marvelling at the "absolutely terrifying" event.

"I just remember being really nervous and over the moon about the fact that I held eye contact with Bryan Adams for longer than one millisecond."

The award she was given that night — most promising female vocalist — turned out to be prescient. 23 years later, Morissette is being ushered into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame after a distinguished — and ongoing! — career that has spanned more than 60 million albums sold, seven Grammys and 12 Junos.

Days before Morissette was to receive the honour and perform at this weekend's Juno Awards, the 40-year-old spoke about her career from her home in Brentwood, Calif.

**What does this honour mean to you?**
Mostly it's just me coming into the arms of Canada. I'm Canadian to the bone. To be honoured by Canadians is precious to me.

**It's the 20th anniversary of Jagged Little Pill and you're adapting it into a musical. What sort of emotions does that album evoke for you?**
There's a continuity there that has remained true for two decades straight, which is just social commentary, eating disorder commentary, embracing emotions, flying in the face of what's expected. So many of these themes ... seem timeless in a way, which is lovely. It's not the kind of record that I would discourage a 15-year-old from listening to. It's quite the opposite.

**Quoted**

**"I swear I walk around with a whiteboard upon which people can project their hatred toward their mother and their former boss and their sister and their ex-girlfriend."** **Alanis Morissette** on the isolating side of her celebrity

**You won five Junos in 1996 and in acceptance discussed how an artist's growth occurs in public. Was all the attention a lot to bear?**
It was. It was a lot of pressure and I hated it. So to take some of the intensity away, I wrote Uninvited (for the City of Angels soundtrack in 1998). That was really not encouraged by my record company. They wanted me to take all that white-hot heat and put it into the followup for Jagged Little Pill.

But I was buckling under that pressure and I didn't want to write. I was super burnt-out from touring and had I not succumbed to any of the pressure, who knows, I might have been the artist who writes a record every 10 years.

**So you were never infatuated with fame?**
I was definitely intrigued. I was sold the same bill of goods that the planet has been sold, which is that when you're famous, you're Kumbaya-ing with Meryl Streep and Johnny Depp is petting your head while you sit around a fire (laughs). So when I entered into that whole celebrity fray, it was actually quite isolating. I swear I walk around with a whiteboard upon which people can project their hatred toward their mother and their former boss and their sister and their ex-girlfriend. It's a lot to hold.

**You said making your last album (2012's Havoc and Bright Lights) was painstaking. Will you make more music?**
Well, right now I'm actually working on a book, which is great. Because the literary world, they're obsessed with credibility. I find as we get older, we become more and more credible, or we're perceived as credible.

(But) I'll write music until I'm dead. And maybe after, who knows? I'll channel through some young, unsuspecting artist.

**Not all hall of fame inductees choose to perform. How do you think you'll feel up there?**
To be honest, any excuse to be around my bandmates — I just love them so much. I have a four-year-old now (son Ever), so we're not touring at the breakneck speed we used to. This'll be really fun for us.

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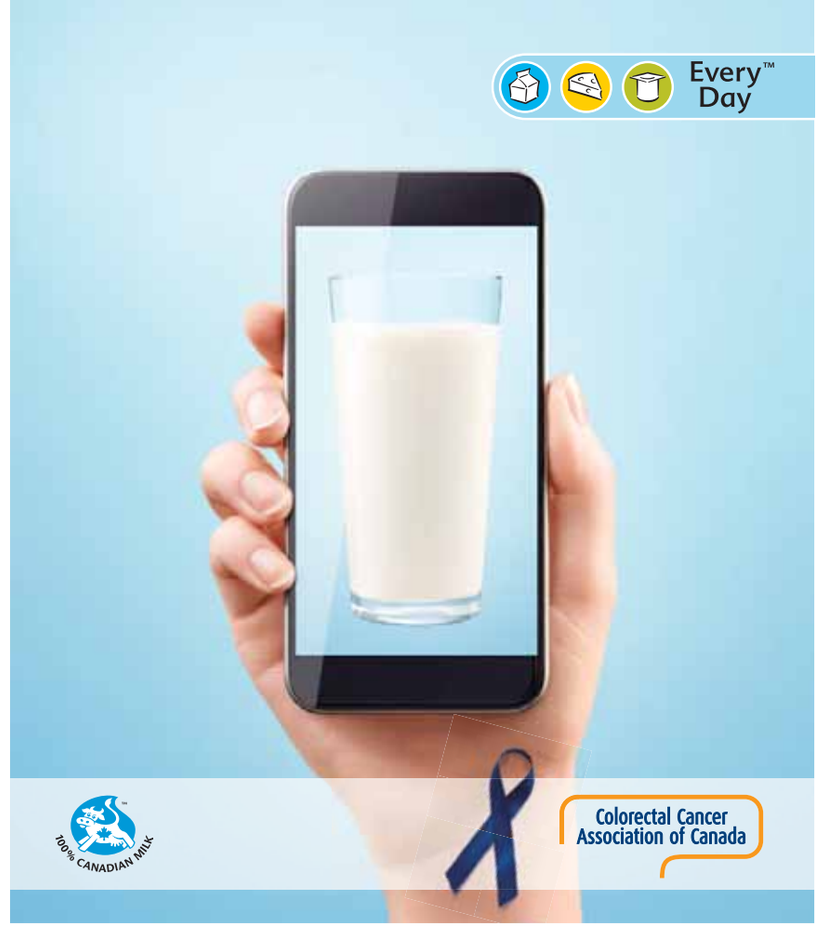

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## *Appreciating Guinness*

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It uses a bladder system inside its bottles and cans to simulate a fresh-from-the-tap pour that I guarantee will erase any negative memories of your first time with the brew.

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# Bring the Spice Route to your kitchen

**Dinner.** This Chicken Tikka recipe was inspired by the staple flavours of India

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Want to delve a little deeper into exotic flavours? Add this takeout favourite to your to-make list.

**This recipe serves eight.** COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

### Ingredients

**Garam Masala**
- 1 tsp green cardamom, opened (retain only the small beads inside)
- 1 tsp cumin seeds
- 1 tsp coriander seeds
- 1 tsp black peppercorns
- 1 tsp whole cloves
- 1 cinnamon stick or 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg

**Marinade**
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) plain yogurt
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 2 tbsp garam masala
- 2 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 tsp (5 ml) grated lemon zest
- 1 tbsp fresh ginger, grated
- 1 tsp salt
- 12 skinless and boneless chicken thighs or 6 skinless and boneless chicken breasts

You can also prepare the Chicken Tikka on skewers. To do this, cut the chicken into small pieces before marinating. Soak wooden skewers in water for 15 minutes before you thread the pieces of chicken. Grill or bake for about 10 minutes in the middle of a 400 F (200 C) oven.

**Garam Masala**

**1.** In a large skillet, toast the spices over high heat for 1 minute. Let cool, then finely grind with a mortar or a coffee grinder. Set aside.

**Marinade**

**1.** In a bowl, combine all the ingredients. Place the chicken in the marinade and coat well. Allow to marinate in the refrigerator for 5 hours.

**2.** Preheat grill to medium heat or the oven to 400 F (200 C).

**3.** Lightly score the skin of each piece of chicken with a sharp knife. Grill or bake in the middle of the oven for about 25 minutes, turning chicken occasionally, until cooked and lightly browned. **FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH LAUNCHED IN 2014.**

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MLS

## Whitecaps an upbeat bunch as they prep for Fire

The Vancouver Whitecaps were a loose, energetic group during their training session Wednesday, before they travelled east to Chicago the following day.

The highly anticipated start to their 2015 season didn't go according to plan. They lost on their home field to their Canadian rival Toronto FC in a match they just couldn't find the finishing touch. No reason, especially at this point in the season, to fixate on one result, whether it was good or bad.

But it's also a learning experience, too. Now, another challenge: the first road game of the season.

The Whitecaps are in the Windy City to face the Fire on Saturday. The Fire is also coming off a season-opening loss to the defending MLS Cup champion L.A. Galaxy last week.

As disappointing as the opening loss was for the local club, the Whitecaps seemed like a positive bunch, able to share some laughs at the end of their final training session in Vancouver this week.

"In this profession, if you dwell on losses like that — you obviously have to learn through the things we did wrong — but if you dwell on them, it doesn't really help anybody," said veteran left back Jordan Harvey.

"Coming in, everybody's got a jovial, uplifting attitude. Later in the week, everybody's just looking forward to the weekend." CAM TUCKER/METRO

Canucks defenceman Luca Sbisa, right, and Kings center Jordan Nolan collide Thursday night at Rogers Arena. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Canucks blanked by surging Kings

**NHL.** Defending champs just one point back of Vancouver in Pacific Division

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Including Thursday, the Vancouver Canucks play the L.A. Kings three times in their remaining 16 games. Call it a best-of-three series with playoff implications.

Game 1 didn't go well for the Canucks.

What has already been a precarious hold on second place in the Pacific Division is a little more uncertain for Vancouver.

The Canucks lost to the Kings by a final score of 4-0 at Rogers Arena on Thursday. The result brings L.A., the defending Stanley Cup champs, within one point of Vancouver in the standings.

Three times in as many games this season, L.A. has defeated Vancouver.

The Kings have made it a habit of victimizing the Canucks in recent years, just as they have plenty of other Western Conference teams since the 2012 playoffs.

The Canucks had a decent start. They were physical and tried to test goalie Jonathan Quick. Their early surge quickly faded.

The Kings took advantage of their second power-play opportunity to open the scoring in the first period.

Justin Williams found Tyler Toffoli on a cross-ice pass, and the 22-year-old centre went top corner on goalie Eddie Lack, playing in his 10th consecutive game.

Williams scored early in the second period.

Just 25 seconds into the third period, Anze Kopitar scored to make it 3-0 Kings.

Marian Gaborik added an empty-netter.

Vancouver hosts the Toronto Maple Leafs on Saturday.

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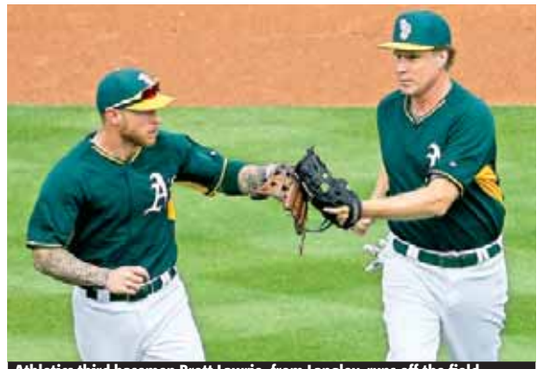
# Funnyman Ferrell's 5-game charity tour

**MLB.** Anchorman star brings wit, sarcasm, perfect timing, inflated self-esteem and belly laughs to the diamond



Athletics third basemen Brett Lawrie, from Langley, runs off the field with actor Will Ferrell. MATT YORK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Telling everyone "I'm a five-tool guy," Will Ferrell was off on his barnstorming tour Thursday through five Arizona spring training games.

Wearing No. 19, the star of Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy, Elf and many others played shortstop for the Oakland Athletics, second base for the Seattle Mariners, centre field for the Los Angeles Angels and first base for the Chicago Cubs.

As a surprise, he pinch hit, rather unsuccessfully, for the Cubs and spent a little time as their third-base coach.

Then it was off to Scottsdale, for the Cincinnati Reds against the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The comedian planned to play for 10 teams in five spring training games, playing every position along the way. His police-escorted caravan was to drive to his first three stops, then he was to take a helicopter from the Diamondbacks' spring home in Scottsdale then finish at the home of the Chicago White Sox field in Glendale.

And it was all for a good cause, he said.

Before his odyssey began, Ferrell said he expected to raise $1 million to be used for college scholarships for cancer survivors. The tour was being chronicled by HBO for an upcoming special. Memorabilia from his journey is to be auctioned off on MLB.com with proceeds going to Cancer for College and Stand Up to Cancer.

Ferrell had his usual (false) bravado on display. In his interview on MLB radio, he said, "I'm actually hoping that my acting career is over after today."

"I think it's pretty much the feeling out here that I'm going to land with one of these clubs," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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**"These teams need a clubhouse presence and my presence is a flabby 47-year-old guy that doesn't know how to play. But I have life experience and I'm willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done."**

**Will Ferrell** selling his attributes to potential MLB suitors

NBA

## Grizzlies no match for Wall and Wizards

Facing a watered-down version of the second-best team in the Western Conference, John Wall finished with 21 points, seven rebounds and six assists Thursday night, leading the Washington Wizards past the Memphis Grizzlies 107-87.

The game got chippy late in the third quarter, when Washington's Kevin Seraphin was called for a flagrant-2 and ejected for knocking Jon Leuer to the court as the Grizzlies' backup forward dunked. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

## Panthers' Barkov and Boyes break Jets' resistance

Aleksander Barkov scored the go-ahead goal late in the third period, lifting the Florida Panthers over the Winnipeg Jets 4-2 on Thursday. Brad Boyes and Derek Mackenzie also scored for Florida and Nick Bjugstad added an empty-netter with 46 seconds left.

Dan Ellis made 18 saves for the Panthers in his third consecutive start in place of the injured Roberto Luongo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
The universe is pointing you in a particular direction and if you are smart you will go that way. Being an Aries you are as likely to go in the opposite direction just to be different.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
What you expect to happen today and over the weekend likely won't, while what you don't expect to happen likely will. So, don't make plans.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
Mercury, planet of the mind, moves into the career area of your chart today and that means the more you think ahead the more success you will enjoy later in the year.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
You have strong opinions about certain issues and today's events will confirm they are spot on. But don't use that as an excuse not to look at new ideas, because life never stands still.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
Flattery will get you everywhere today. You know the right thing to say to influence people in positions of power.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
What you say next is not as important as the way you say it. You may intend your remarks to be helpful but if your words are harsh others may think you are being critical for no reason.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
Common sense should tell you that certain methods are not working as well as they should and what happens over the next few days will confirm that.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
Mercury moves into the most dynamic area of your chart today, making it easy for you to make changes you want to make, as opposed to changes that others want you to make.

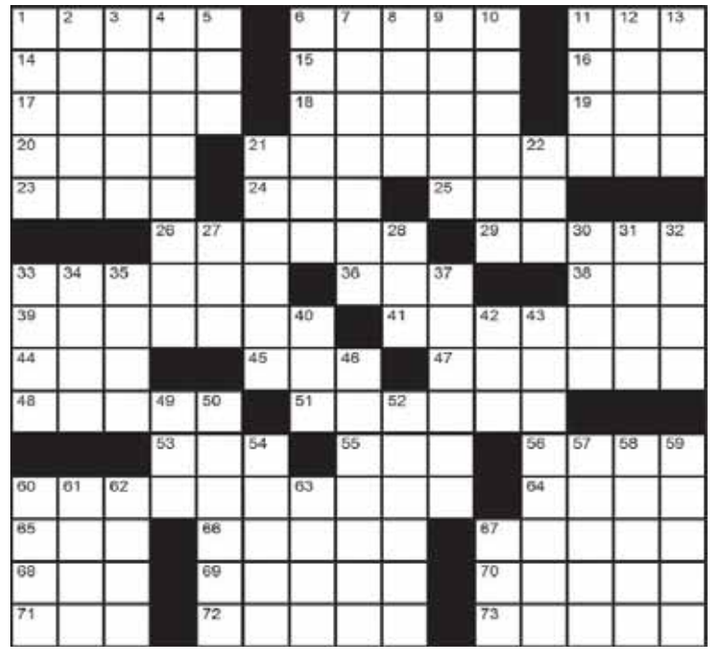
### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
What you choose to do today may annoy some but don't let that stop you. You have done plenty of things to please them in the past and now you will do something to please yourself.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
Others may be impressed by your self-confidence. What they don't know is that it's an act and you don't feel that confident. Mercury's change of signs today will give your self-belief a boost.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
Happiness comes from wanting what you have, not having what you want. You have more than enough to satisfy your basic needs. Be thankful.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
Mind planet Mercury moves into your sign today, making it so much easier to decide what it is you want and what you are willing to do to get it.

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



**Across**
1. What the symbol # means in music
6. Grate
11. Shortened alias signifier
14. "Madagascar" (2005) creature
15. Surface-__-__ missile
16. Teacup part
17. Winged
18. "There is _ __ in the affairs of men." - Shakespeare
19. Lamb's mommy
20. Accompanying
21. Written by #4-Down, this number one hit song of 1940 is famously sung by #41-Across: "I'll Never __ __"
23. Gardening supply
24. Full amt.
25. Pre-Ford President's monogram
26. Musical compositions
29. Apartment
33. Released the lava!
36. Rich money amt.
38. Hide Hair link
39. "Bye!" in Britain
41. Legendary singer Frank
44. Poet's 'throughout'
45. Little __ _ lot
47. Forbids
48. "It takes __ __ tango."
51. Nova Scotia's provincial bird
53. Fountain's filling
55. Behold
56. Book leaf side
60. Nickname for #41-Across: 3 wds.
64. Approximate calculation
65. Campaigner, e.g.
66. Growl
67. Clicked-on computer thingies
68. Candle-blower's number
69. Hawk's habitation, variantly
70. Wooden shoe
71. Volume selection
72. Soup alternative
73. Supplications

**Down**
1. Deli side orders
2. Prefix meaning 'Sun'
3. Violin of Cremona in Italy
4. Trailblazing Canadian songwriter (More at #21-Across and #10-Down!): 2 wds.
5. Before
6. John of "Full House"
7. Product flying off store shelves: 2 wds.
8. Racetrack fence
9. Canada's largest duck
10. Song by #4-Down (co-written with Paul Mann and Stephan Weiss) that #41-Across recorded and which was played at his funeral: "Put Your __ Away (For Another Day)"
11. Region
12. Fuzzy on the outside/Green on the inside fruit
13. "Indeed!"
21. Rehearsal spot
22. Antelope with ox-like horns
27. For every
28. Fam. member
30. Go __ detail
31. Ripped
32. Chapters in history
33. Glaswegian
34. "I'm bushed!"
35. Architect Mr. Saarinen
37. Books: French
40. Gold, in Spain
42. Before-a-maiden-name word
43. Not-of-the-average
46. Ancient empire of Mesopotamia
49. Poetry contraction
50. Crosses to bear
52. Did potato work
54. Country in Africa
57. Sun-dried brick
58. Setting of CBS soap "The Young and the Restless", __ City
59. Wests opposites
60. Iridescent gem
61. Company symbol
62. Gusted
63. British peer
67. Web connector, briefly

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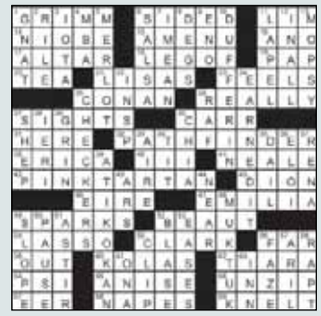

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## Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

**How to play**
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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## Yesterday's Sudoku

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